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REMARKS _____

- 25X1 [] 1. On 18 November 1953, the quarters of the artillery brigade at Olympisches Dorf still quartered 2,000 to 2,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The three sheds at the lake still sheltered 72x76-mm field guns. No training activity was noticed. On 13 November, 5 trucks towing 5 x 76-mm field guns each occupied by 15 soldiers [] left the installation toward the training area.
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- 25X1 2. On 18 November, the quarters of Unit Kavallov still quartered between 500 and 550 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed in the quartering area. []
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- 25X1 3. On 18 November, the quarters of Unit Popoff were still occupied by about 400 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. On 12 November, 100 soldiers practiced carbine and machine-gun firing at the target range.
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- 25X1 [] 4. On 27 November, the Loewen Kaserne was occupied to capacity. [] numerous recruits. On 25 November, six trucks occupied by about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia which were towing 85-mm AT guns and a field kitchen left the installation for an exercise. []
- 25X1 [] No training activity except training of recruits was noticed. The tank sheds were closed.
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- 25X1 5. On 27 November, the Altes Lager was occupied to capacity. Soldiers received training on heavy machine guns and mortars of 120-mm caliber.
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- 25X1 6. On 25 November, the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf, the Olympisches Dorf, the Neues Lager, the Adler Kaserne and Loewen Kaserne and the Till Eulenspiegel Settlement were occupied to capacity. On 12 November, T-34 tanks [] 6 x 76-mm AT guns and 6 x 57-mm AT guns left the installation of Unit I and the Loewen Kaserne toward the troop training grounds. []
- 25X1 [] On 17 November, armored personnel carriers [] and 15 motorcycles left Neues Lager toward the

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troop training grounds. On 19 November, 500 soldiers left the Till Eulenspiegel Settlement toward the troop training grounds. On 20 November, 4x57-mm AT guns left the installation of Unit 1 toward the troop training grounds.

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About 200 recruits entered the Loewen Kaserne from the direction of the Dallgow railroad station at about 3 p.m. On 23 November, 200 soldiers left the Loewen Kaserne toward Nauen. About 300 soldiers carrying baggage entered the Altes Lager at 11 a.m. On 24 November, 9 x 76-mm AT guns and an undetermined number of trucks moved from the direction of the troop training grounds toward Olympisches Dorf.

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7. On 18 November, the Altes Lager was heavily occupied. There was lively activity in the camp.
8. On 18 November, the Hasenheidenberg hutment was occupied by a guard detail.
9. On 18 November, the Loewen Kaserne and Adler Kaserne were occupied almost to capacity.
10. On 16 and 18 November each, 10 to 12 gondola cars and boxcars loaded with supplies and billeting equipment were unloaded by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia at the siding of the Elstal airfield.
11. Firing with cartridges in the area south of Hasenheidenberg and firing with live ammunition with carbines at the firing ranges west of Hasenheidenberg. On 14 November, four T-34/85 tanks practiced driving and four medium AA guns fired in the Hasenheidenberg area.
12. 200 apartments would have to be vacated to make room for Soviet officers and their dependents.
13. On 13 November, about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage were entrained onto 8 converted boxcars at the Dallgow railroad station. The train which was dispatched toward Himmelpfort was escorted by the officer who had previously been transportation officer. Eight empty converted boxcars arrived from the direction of Fuerstenberg on the Havel River at the Dallgow railroad station on 27 November. The train was escorted by the lieutenant who had also escorted trains leaving toward Himmelpfort. the soldiers had left the train between stations and had marched to the Altes Lager and Neues Lager across the fields. On 27 November, 10 empty converted boxcars left the Dallgow railroad station toward Fuerstenberg. They carried an escort detail of one lieutenant and about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

2. Comment. The Doeberitz barracks installations seemed to have been occupied as previously prior to 27 November 1953. The large number of field guns of 76-mm caliber seen at the installation of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) was previously commented upon. Unit 1 at Loewen Kaserne is the 19th Mecz Regt of the 1st Mecz Div. Other information also indicated that the movements mentioned in paragraph 13 were still going on on 27 November.